GOVERNOR ROY COOPER OBJECTIONS AND VETO MESSAGE:

Senate Bill 512, "AN ACT TO INCREASE THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF PUBLIC BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS TO THE CITIZENS OF NORTH CAROLINA BY CHANGING THE APPOINTMENT STRUCTURE OF THOSE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS."

This legislation will hurt the effective and efficient use of taxpayer money by impairing the Governor's constitutionally required duty to execute the laws passed by the legislature. The bill interrupts the critical work of boards and commissions to protect public health, provide clean air and water, recruit new jobs, lower electric bills and more. Fundamentally it violates the separation of powers enshrined in the state Constitution. The courts have consistently rejected these legislative power grabs in McCrory v. Berger and other cases. Legislative efforts to seize executive power are unconstitutional and damage vital state work.

Therefore, I veto the bill.

Roy Cooper
Governor

The bill, having been vetoed, is returned to the Clerk of the North Carolina Senate on this the 24th day of August 2023, at 3:55 pm for reconsideration by that body.

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Date Aug. 24, 2023
Time 3:55 p.m.
Signed Sarah Holland
SECTION 13.2. Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 17th day of August, 2023.

[Signature]
Phil Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

[Signature]
Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

[Signature]
Roy Cooper
Governor

Approved __________.m. this __________ day of ________________, 2023

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Senate Bill 512-Ratified